

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding non-final Office Action mailed October 6, 2004. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and pending claims are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-4, 18-21, and 24-26 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Martin, Jr., et al. ("Martin," U.S. Pat. No. 6,610,105). In addition, claims 5-12, 15-17, and 22 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Martin in view of Moyer, et al. ("Moyer," U.S. Pub. No. 2002/0174206). Furthermore, claims 13 and 14 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Martin in view of Moyer in further view of Narayan, et al. ("Narayan," U.S. Pat. No. 6,635,323). Finally, claim 23 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Martin in view of Corwin (U.S. Pub. No. 2002/0075812).

As is indicated above, each of original claims 1-26 have been canceled in favor of new claims 27-51. In view of these cancellations/additions, the rejections are believed to be moot. Applicant therefore requests that the rejections be withdrawn. Applicant reserves the right to present the canceled claims, or variants thereof, in continuing applications to be filed subsequently. Applicant respectfully submits that new claims 27-51 describe an invention novel and unobvious in view of the prior art of record. Applicant briefly discusses the new claims in the following.

In regard to independent claim 27, Applicant notes that none of the references of record teach or suggest a method for providing links to services that are available on a local network that comprises "querying the local network for information about the current environment" or "checking for services that are available on the local network". Applicant further notes that, although, as is identified in the Office Action,

Martin describes “retrieving menu information” and forwarding a web page including “navigation aid” to a user (Martin, column 2, lines 47-56), the “navigation aid” comprises a list of choices that *are selected by the user* (see Martin, column 10, line 55 to column 9). Therefore, contrary to that recited in claim 27, the Martin system does not search for any available services, either on a local network or a remote network.

Regarding independent claim 35, none of the references of record teach or suggest a system that comprises “logic configured to query the local network for information about the current environment” or “logic configured to check for services that are available on the local network”, for at least the same reasons as those described above in relation to claim 27.

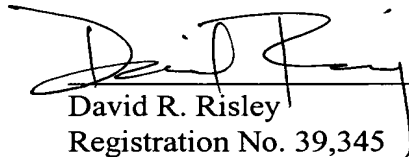
With respect to independent claim 41, none of the references of record teach or suggest a computer that comprises “a personal imaging repository” and a “thin portal service that is configured to query a local network to which the computer is connected for information about the current environment, to check for imaging services that are available on the local network and that are configured to access the imaging data of the personal imaging repository, and to create web content for the network browser, the web content including at least one link to an imaging service that is available on the local network”.

Finally, Applicant notes that none of the references, either alone or in combination, teach or suggest the various limitations comprised by independent claims 50 and 51.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that Applicant's pending claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (770) 933-9500.

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